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SUBJECT: BRUNEI - EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEE OF 24 AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN OF UK

UN SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED AS COMMITTEE OF 24 DOCUMENT
(A/AC.109/547, 30 JUNE 1977) AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON
BRUNEI BETWEEN CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF 24 AND PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF UK. TEXT OF DOCUMENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

QUESTION OF BRUNEI

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

A. LETTER DATED 2 MAY 1977 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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1. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE QUESTION OF BRUNEI. THE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
RECENTLY MADE ITS ANNUAL STUDY OF THIS ITEM AND ADOPTED A
CONSENSUS /1/ WHICH I CONSIDER REFLECTS TO SOME DEGREEE THE
FRUSTRATION OF ITS MEMBERS ON THIS QUESTION, OWING TO THE LACK OF
INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE TERRITORY AND TO THE LACK OF

RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND OF BRUNEI TO THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS 3424 (XXX) OF 8 DECEMBER 1975 AND 31/56 OF 1
DECEMBER 1976.

2. I HAVE STUDIED THE POSITION OF YOUR GOVERNEMENT, AS DEFINED
MOST RECENTLY BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE
FOURTH COMMITTEE DURING THE PREVIOUS SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. /2/ NEVERTHELESS, IN THE ABSENCE OF VERIFICATION BY
THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE MEASURES WHICH, IN THE VIEW OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT, HAVE RESTORED TO THE TERRITORY OF BRUNEI
FULL CONTROL OVER ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, IT REMAINS THE POSITION OF
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT BRUNEI IS A DEPENDENT TERRITORY
WITHIN THE TERMS OF CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS.

3. I SHOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AND, IN PARTICULAR,
WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSENSUS
ADOPTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES IN WHICH IT
CALLED ON THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER,
TO PROVIDE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH INFORMATION ON THE
TERRITORY OF BRUNEI.

B. LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 1977 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
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AS MY GOVERNMENT HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR, BRUNEI IS A
SOVEREIGN STATE WHICH HAS FREELY CHOSEN TO MAINTAIN A TREATY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR MORE THAN 100
YEARS. THROUGHOUT THAT TIME, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF BRUNEI HAS LAIN SOLELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI.
WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT OF 23 NOVEMBER 1971, THE
UNITED KINGDOM SURRENDERED SUCH ADVISORY FUNCTIONS IN RELATION
TO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BRUNEI AS WERE CONFERRED ON IT
UNDER PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS. THE UNITED KINGDOM IS NOT, AND
NEVER HAS BEEN, THE ADMINISTERING POWER. FOR A DETAILED
EXPLANATION OF MY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION, I
WOULD REFER YOUR EXCELLENCY TO MY NOTE VERBALE OF 26
SEPTEMBER 1975 TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. /3/

WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF VERIFICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF BRUNEI, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE
YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO FORWARD TO THE
BRUNEI GOVERNMENT ANY COMMUNICATION THAT YOU MAY WISH TO
TRANSMIT. IT WOULD BE FOR THE BRUNEI GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND
TO ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION, THOUGH WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE READY
TO TRANSMIT THEIR REPLY.

/1/ A/AC.109/L.1154, PARA. 5.

/2/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIRTY-FIRST
SESSION, FOURTH COMMITTEE, 28TH MEETING.

/3/ A/10269.

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